

The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a resolution providing that certain suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, December 6, 2001.

SCIENCE OF BIOTERRORISM

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Science of Bioterrorism: Is the Federal Government Prepared?" Testimony was heard from John H. Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology; Linda Fisher, Deputy Administrator, EPA; Anna Johnson-Winegar, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary, Chemical and Biological Defense, Department of Defense; and Donald A. Henderson, M.D., Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness, Department of Health and Human Services.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Conferees on Tuesday, December 4, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2944, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

AUTHORIZATION—INTELLIGENCE

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2883, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of J. Joseph Grandmaison, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; and the nomination of Kenneth M. Donohue, Sr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the corporate average fuel economy, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Jeffrey Shane, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Deputy Secretary, and the nomination of Emil H. Frankel, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation Policy, both of the Department of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine negotiations for renewing the Compact of Free Association, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the political future of Afghanistan, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to assess the vulnerability of United States seaports and whether the Federal Government is adequately structured to safeguard them, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to resume oversight hearings to examine the Department of the Judiciary, focusing on how to preserve freedoms while defending against terrorism, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on H.R. 3288, Fairness in Antitrust in National Sports (FANS) Act of 2001, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law and the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, joint hearing on the Settlement Agreement by and among the United States of America, the FCC, NextWave Telecom, Inc., and certain affiliates, and Participating Auction 35 Winning Bidders, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 275, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide for maintenance and repair of buildings and properties located on lands in the National Wildlife Refuge System of lessees of such facilities; and H.R. 3389, to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3394, Cyber Security Research and Development Act; and H.R. 3400, Networking and Information Technology Research Act, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on the SBA's efforts to provide assistance to those directly and indirectly impacted by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, upon the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, hearing on a number of economic stimulus proposals, and their possible impacts on the nation's economy, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Port Security, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.